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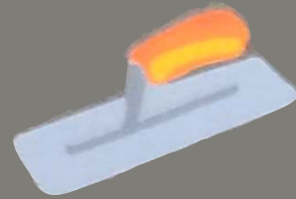
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We meet monthly on the second Tuesday at 7:30 pm in the Fox. If you'd like an agenda please get in touch!

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The Bar Hill Happy Hours club meets in the main bar area of the Bar Hill Sports and Social Club between 2 and 4pm on Friday afternoons for tea/coffee and cakes, getting together with friends, fun and games. All of this for only £2 per person. The bar is open if you want something extra.

We are looking for new members to join us, so if you are 50 or over, want to get out, see some old friends, meet some new ones and have some fun why not come along!.

Coming up:

1st Nov: Bingo and a Quiz and AGM

8th Nov: Club Birthday Party with Dave Cass (Guitarist/Vocalist)

15th Nov: Children in Need

22nd Nov: Christmas crafting

29th Nov: Bingo and a Quiz

If you give us a try your first week is free.

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Bar Hill Indoor Bowls Club

We meet in the school on Friday evenings during term time only from 7.30 pm to 10pm with a 1/2 hour break for coffee. We are a very friendly group and we would love to have some new members. It doesn't matter if you have never played before just come along and join us one Friday, the cost is £2 per week but the 1st week is free.

So why not come along and give it a try?

If you would like more information please contact me on 01954 204171 / 07847 327709 or barbara.page@live.co.uk

Dear all,

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards and messages to me and my family, over the last few weeks, and all those who came to Ian's funeral on 9th of October.

Wendy Arrowsmith

Dear Residents and Local Businesses,

Once again, the BHCA (along with the Community Market) are organising this year's Christmas Tree and Lights for our village which takes place on Saturday 7th December. There will be

music and singing and hopefully gifts for all the children, (which will be handed out by a visit from Santa, who this year we understand will be accompanied by Mrs. Claus).

We have already had promises of donations from local businesses, but we could always make the event even more special, if you are able to contribute even in a small way. We are selling our home-made stars (we have already had orders for quite a number of these) for you to hang on your own Christmas tree, as well as Road Signs that are personalised. So get in touch for an order form, and help make this the BIGGEST Christmas event ever.

Of course, we really hope you can come along and support the village at the event itself, all are welcome.

Barry Dean

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Every Monday, 10- 12 (unless otherwise listed) in the Octagon (opposite Maple Surgery)

The Hub is for people of all ages as a place to gather & enjoy community!

4 November	Coffee Stop, Foodbank, Meet a Parish Councillor 5AsideChess	Health & Wellbeing 10:15 -10:45
11 November		Carers Café 10-11:30 featuring A First Aid Trainer
18 November		Health & Wellbeing 10:15 -10:45
25 November		Evergreens

WHEN: Every Monday 10am – 12pm

WHERE: The Octagon (opposite Maple Surgery), Bar Hill, CB23 8EH

WHAT: Our vision is to create a fairer and friendlier community, so everyone can thrive and knows where to turn to for warmth, welcome, friendship and support. The Hub is a busy gathering space, providing a warm, comfortable, welcoming space for our entire community. Come along and join us, we look forward to seeing you!

Coffee Stop: Pop in for a coffee, a piece of delicious home-made cake and a chat with friends, old and new!

Food bank: No need for any vouchers. If you are struggling financially, drop by and let us help you, available between 10am and 11.30am

Citizens Advice: NOTICE: for health reasons of our advisor, the village Citizens Advice service will cease with immediate effect. To book an appointment for face to face, email or telephone advice with our Cambridge office please use the following contact info: E: <https://www.cambridgecab.org.uk/get-advice/email-us/>, P: 0808 278 7808

Evergreens: a safe space for those with memory loss to enjoy: Conversation, Connection, Celebration. Accompanied by a carer, friend or family member. When: 4th Monday of each month. NOTE: Initially clients/carers are being identified and invited in partnership with the village Social Prescribing team.

Health & Wellbeing: On the 1st & 3rd Monday, take advantage of some exercise guidance from our experienced coach and visiting speakers (starting at 10.15am)

Carers Café: On the 2nd Monday of the month, providing support for any carers in the village, even if you are not a patient of Maple Surgery

Meet a Parish Councillor: you can meet one of our Parish Councillors to discuss any issues within our village, between 10am and 12pm within the Coffee Stop. Just look for the sign within the Coffee Stop.

5AsideChess (within the Coffee Stop): A great way to connect and start a conversation with people happy to teach you this wonderful game. Come along and join us for refreshments and a chat!

Salaried GPs starting soon

We are pleased to announce that we have 2 permanent GPs starting in January 2025.

Flu vaccinations

Flu clinics will continue to run at the Practice again this year for all eligible patients. For children and pregnant women, we will have clinics taking place from the middle of September (dates TBC). For those aged over 65 years and those aged between 18 and 65 in an at-risk group, we have clinics starting on 3rd October. We will be sending self-booking links to those eligible.

Ear Irrigation

We are now offering ear irrigation appointments to patients. These are not available until an assessment has been completed by a Nurse, and only happen on the afternoon of the last Thursday of each month. You will also be advised to put some oil into your ear(s) to loosen the wax.

Pneumococcal vaccinations

The Practice is still offering Pneumococcal vaccinations for those aged over 65 years.

Shingles vaccinations

The Practice is still offering Shingles vaccinations for those turning 65, those aged 70 - 79 and also those aged over 50 with weakened immune system.

Public Meeting 12th September

A public meeting was organised by the Practice Patient Participation Group (PPG) on 12th September this year. Senior members of Cambridge and Peterborough Integrated Care System presented. The meeting was well attended by patients, many of whom voiced their support for how CGPN have stabilised the Practice since their arrival in 2023.

We would like to thank everybody for attending and their ongoing support.

Repeat prescription ordering

Repeat medication ordering for Maple Surgery patients is changing a little from 1st January 2025. There is a message that you should receive if you are currently using the email facility advising of this change.

Flu clinic Saturday 5th October

We would like to express our sincere thanks for everybody who helped us. Due to the incredible levels of patient attendance, we are now very unlikely to undertake another Saturday clinic. However, if you are still waiting to have a flu vaccine, please either call or drop into the surgery where we will gladly make you an appointment.

Practice closure for training

The practice will be closed from 1.00pm for training on 20th November 2024. We will reopen the following day at 8.00am.



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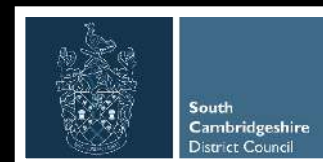
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BAR HILL DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

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Save the Winter Fuel Payment for Struggling Pensioners' petition being run by AGE UK, please sign the petition

<https://campaigns.ageuk.org.uk/page/154268/petition/2>

Emergency planning and resilience

Severe weather that leads to flash flooding is becoming a part of the changing UK weather pattern and it is important for people to be as prepared as they can be. Flooding can be a serious problem in Cambridgeshire. Acting early is a great thing to do to get prepared. If there is an imminent risk to life, always contact emergency services on 999 (or 112).

Anglian Water: <https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/your-local-area/report-an-issue/>

Cambridge Water: <https://www.cambridge-water.co.uk/about-us>

What should I do when flooding is imminent?

Act early. Floodwater rises rapidly if there is a flood warning. Don't hope for the best!

- Move your car to higher ground
- Listen to local radio/TV for updates
- Pack essential items you will need
- Turn off the mains power and water, and put sandbags in toilet bowls to prevent sewage spilling out
- Shut windows and lock doors
- Empty freezers and refrigerators if you can, leaving doors open
- Move people, pets and valuables to a safer place (for example, upstairs)
- Leave the area if instructed to do so by the emergency services

- Do not attempt to drive through flooded roads, the water may be deeper than you think.

Pilot Employment Hubs

Officers in the Communities Team are delivering a project, on behalf of and funded by Public Health, to establish Pilot Employment Hubs in City and South Cambs.

Some people find themselves in long-term unemployment for a multitude of reasons. This may be to do with skills, confidence, health, local geography, the needs of dependants or many other factors. So effective career support should consider the whole person and pathways to sustainable work. The aim of the Employment Hubs pilot is to address this in a more compassionate and person-centred approach.

The hubs will deliver integrated holistic support to people with long term health conditions, disabilities and often complex lives, to move towards, gain and retain employment. It is an action arising from the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough ICS Health & Care Strategy, to address poverty through housing, employment and skills.

If you would like further information, please email liz.davy@scambs.gov.uk or Lesley.mcfarlane@scambs.gov.uk



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8 o'clock club

The club is a women's group and we meet in the school on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Our fee is £15 per year and £1 each meeting for a hot drink and raffle.

Our Speaker on Thursday 7 November is from The Cambridgeshire Badger trust who will explain about the work of the trust and about the lives of badgers who live underground in a network of tunnels and chambers called 'setts'.

We welcome new members to the club. If you would like to join please come along to one of our meetings or phone Barbara 204171 (07847 327709) Adela 204265 or Ann 204687

Help! We're missing something ...

Maybe it's an article by a group you support? A bit of local news? Or even details of an event? Let us know! Deadline for December issue is **14th November**.



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Olive Tree Bereavement Group

Our next meeting is on Saturday 9th November, and the following one will be on 14th December. Meetings are held in the Octagon at 10.30 am and refreshments are provided.

We will be pleased to see you if you are a regular member, a new member or if you have never been before.

Autumn is now upon us, the clocks will soon be going back and people's thoughts are turning to Christmas. This can be a challenging time for many, and if you are in this position you are very welcome to come along and meet others who may be similarly affected.

We are a very welcoming group where you can talk freely and where your confidence will be respected. There will be time to share your experiences, join in discussions and get to know others in the group.

If you are not sure if the group is right for you, please phone one of us to discuss it. We welcome all newcomers but would ask that you come at 10am so that we can explain the format.

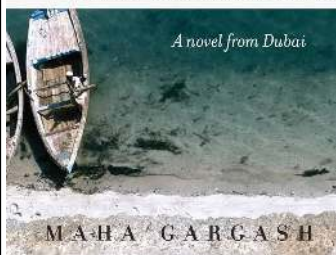
The leaders, who are CRUSE trained, and the other members of the group will offer a warm welcome, and you will meet other people who have been through loss and who understand the pain and difficulties that this brings.

For more details, telephone Sue Kenchington at **780260**, Chris Stannard at **781978**, or Maggie Cox at **488657**.



The Sand Fish

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MAHA GARGASH

Bar Hill Ladies Book Club

Our next book club meeting is:

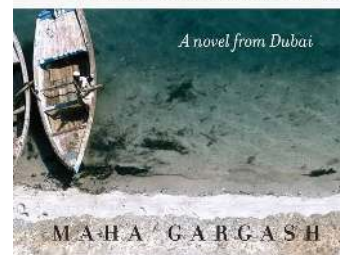
Tuesday, November 12th, at 7.30 pm in BHS&SC. The book is "The Sandfish" by Maha Gargash.

For details of future events please email sheilafarrar@hotmail.co.uk or call/text **07920 558319**



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Sun 3 Nov, 6:00pm **NEW** - Informal Worship. Our monthly evening service returns, keeping the same format it followed several years ago. Refreshments served at 6pm followed by a simple church service with a chance for discussion and sharing thoughts with others. It should finish around 7:30pm.

Sun 10 Nov, 10:00am - Remembrance Sunday

Thu 14 Nov, 10:00am - Midweek Communion

Sun 17 Nov, 10:00am - Holy Communion. Separate activities for tots, children and teens.

Sun 24 Nov, 10:00am - Holy Communion. Separate activities for children (of all ages) who will return to the church for communion.

Sunday morning services can also be attended via **Zoom**: meeting id 882 9761 3899, password: 284740. We also hold a short (about 20 minutes) Morning Worship service by Zoom at 8:15am every day Monday to Friday, using the same meeting id.

Contacts

Church Office: Ian Farr, 01954 206120, church.office@barhillchurch.org.uk
Working hours usually include Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. A number of external activities take place in the church buildings throughout the week. Enquiries about hiring space for an event should be directed to Ian.
Minister: Revd Wendy Wale, 07780 828865, minister@barhillchurch.org.uk
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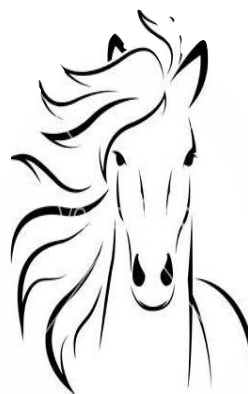
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BAR HILL COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

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Bar Hill Survey

We want to know your thoughts and concerns and so have put together a survey to capture the key issues as you see them. It will be delivered and I will be knocking on doors to hear from residents as well. If you want to complete it online you can access a version here: [sclibdems.org.uk/surveys/](https://sclibdems.org.uk/surveys/bar-hill)

bar-hill Do skip any questions you don't want to answer and just focus on the main points. Thank you in advance and we look forward to hearing your views.

Road and footpath repairs needed

There are many roads, cycle paths and footpaths in Cambridgeshire which need improvements and repairs. Generally road maintenance funds have come from central government, and long term underfunding has had a terrible and cumulative effect. This is a national problem, but in Cambridgeshire we also lose out from getting less funding than we should because the Government assumes we have a lower population than we do – this growth penalty affects all public services in Cambridgeshire.

The County's Joint Administration has raised additional funding for highways maintenance, nearly doubling the amount that can be invested in local road, cyclepath, and footpath maintenance for the next couple of years. It will make a difference, but it can't fix everything and we are to some extent playing 'catch up'. It has been difficult securing the additional funding

given how stretched county finances are. And there continues to be much to sort out with the engineering service contract we have inherited, but the goal remains to make improvements here that support all road users and residents.

I have been pressing for action on Bar Hill's spine paths – for patching in the short term to make them safe and then for them to be properly resurfaced, which will probably happen next summer, when the weather is better and such projects are easier to do. There has also been a repair to a 'trench', ie a depression in the road in Crafts Way, which only affects drivers marginally but has a much bigger effect on people living nearby.

More opportunities to walk, wheel and cycle?

The County's survey on active travel for Bar Hill and Dry

Drayton will soon be live on the

page: Consult Cambridgeshire: <https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/> There will also be paper copies available and more communications about how to fill it out.

Better luck next time!

The County Council has funds for Parish Councils for smaller scale projects which improve safety by reducing speed or making conditions safer for pedestrians and cyclists. Bar Hill Parish Council applied for funding for MVAS (mobile vehicle activated signs) under this scheme. MVAS are effective in helping reduce speeding traffic and would have been incredibly useful in Bar Hill. Unfortunately despite having a good case they narrowly missed out on the funding.



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For all info see our website, follow us on Facebook and instagram, or drop us an email at the details below.

NOVEMBER SATURDAY EVENTS:

Ziggy 2nd Nov- Singer - Ziggy - Tribute to reggae and ska, 9th Nov- Cocktail night - get your ticket from the bar, 16th Nov- Singer - Simon Day as seen at the fete this year, and 30th Nov- Live Band - The Spree

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Bar Hill Memorial Garden

The Seasons are changing to Autumn, when we will see the lovely colours of the Autumn trees, before they drop their leaves.

At long last everyone can see what wonderful work and changes to the Memorial Garden, are taking place. As we submit this article, we are awaiting the final refixing of the Memorial Plaques. My grateful thanks go to the whole team who help maintain and have worked so hard in the garden.

The refurbishment costs of £5000.00p plus have been met by donations / grants from individuals, The Parish Council , The Community Association, South Cambridgeshire Community Chest, The Co-Op. for which we are extremely grateful.

If you would like to donate towards the upkeep of the Memorial Garden, cheques / cash may be left at 7 Acorn Avenue made payable to Bar Hill Memorial Garden or alternatively paid directly into Bar Hill Memorial Account at the Cambridge Building Society Account Number 1768402740 Sort Code 20-17-55 If you wish to talk to someone re a donation then please phone Chris on the numbers below. Thank you once again to all those who have given financial support for this work.

Should you wish to place a Memorial Plaque then contact Chris Stannard **01954 781978**, Mobile **07711 623425**, [**c.e.stannard1@gmail.com**](mailto:c.e.stannard1@gmail.com)



Hedgehog Fact: Hedgehogs can travel up to 2 miles in a single night foraging for food! They have strong legs and can roam far in search of their food.

BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council Office is open between 9:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday.



Autumn/Winter Tree Works:

We are back to doing various tree works around the village so you will see various contractors out and about over the coming months.

Clothes in play areas

Reminder to please remember to take home any clothing from the play areas, as there have been quite a few items left behind recently.

Unwanted items around the Village

Please do not leave unwanted items i.e. shoes, clothes, scooters around the village there has been several complaints made. Please dispose of unwanted items in the appropriate way. Tesco have various large bins situated in the car park.

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Helping hedgehogs in November

In November, hedgehogs begin preparing for hibernation, so here are some simple ways to help them in your garden:

- **Provide shelter:** Create hedgehog homes or leave piles of logs, leaves, and twigs for them to nest in.
- **Leave out food:** Hedgehogs need to fatten up for winter. Offer wet cat food, dry kitten food, or specialised hedgehog food, but avoid milk and bread. Hedgehogs are lactose intolerant.
- **Ensure water access:** Place shallow bowls of water in your garden for them to drink.
- **Check bonfires and leaf piles:** Before lighting bonfires or disturbing piles, check for hedgehogs hiding inside.
- **Keep areas connected:** Make small holes in fences (around 13cm) to allow hedgehogs to move between gardens easily.

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Is a joint tennis / pickleball Club with resurfaced and relined courts the way forward? We invite you to an open meeting at the Social Club 19.30 on Wednesday 6th November to discuss the future of the Club. All members and anyone interested in tennis or pickleball are invited. Please come along!!

Have you remembered to take advantage of our significantly reduced winter memberships? Winter membership allows you to play at any time from 1 September through to 31.3.25: Adult: £25, Junior: £5, or Family: £45. (Floodlights use per session £5 - booked via website)

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It might be autumn but subject to weather you may well still see members playing on our Tuesday or Thursday Club nights (18.30 – 21.00). Why not try tennis to warm you up on those colder but dry autumn nights!

We welcome players of all abilities.

Paul Chubbuck (Secretary)

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Helping Wildlife in Your Garden in November

In November, wildlife prepares for the colder months, and there are several things you can do to help them thrive in your garden:

- **Create shelter:** Leave piles of leaves, twigs, and logs to provide homes for hedgehogs, insects, and amphibians. You can also install bird boxes and insect hotels.
- **Provide food:** Many animals struggle to find food in late autumn. Leave out bird feeders with seeds, nuts, and fat balls for birds. You can also leave water for animals to drink and shallow dishes for hedgehogs.
- **Leave fallen leaves:** Instead of clearing all the fallen leaves, let them remain in flower beds or in corners. This helps create habitats for small creatures and helps the soil.
- **Avoid cutting back plants:** Leaving plants with seed heads and tall grass provides food and shelter for birds and insects during the winter.
- **Make ponds safe:** If you have a pond, keep it clean and add ramps for small animals that might fall in, helping them escape.
- **Install a wildlife-friendly compost bin:** A compost heap provides warmth and shelter for small creatures like frogs and toads.

By making these small adjustments, you'll offer crucial support to garden wildlife during the colder months.





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Crafts Shed - November 2024

CraftsShed members continue to meet in the Octagon Meetings Room, on Thursday Mornings from 0930 to 1230. Whilst extremely grateful to the Leadership of Bar Hill Church for letting us do this we still require new accommodation. A new storage shed has been erected behind the Octagon. This has been funded by a "Community Chest Grant" from South Cambridgeshire District Council for which we are extremely grateful.



CraftsShed is a Registered Charity supporting our local Community. Many various benches have had a makeover in our village in the Children's Playground, Tennis Courts, Allotment Society and also near to the Scout Hut. Other items repaired / upgraded are a Rocking Chair, Garden BBQ Trolley. Please visit our Website @ <https://craftsshedbh.wixsite.com/barhill>

Individuals will continue to help make items, and as a group we will undertake small projects for our Community.

On a Thursday Morning there will be a display outside of the Octagon weather permitting. We don't only meet for coffee / tea but also arrange a trip out to places of interest. As you read this article we will have visited the Fitzwilliam Museum looking at wooden tools in Egyptian times. Other Cambridge Museums have been visited including the Cambridge Museum for Technology. This was a most interesting visit. Other visits will also be arranged.

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Our adventures with Lionel and Margery

Since retiring, my husband and I have discovered the joy of riding our e-bikes, my Ezgo - Lionel and his Dawes - Margery. Add in the plethora of cycleways and the warm, calm and sunny conditions one Saturday in September, you have the beginnings of a wonderful afternoon outing.

One of our favourite rides is to head out towards Dry Drayton and, with the assistance of the motor and some hard pedalling, the steep hill up past the drift is a breeze. Passing St Peter and St Paul's church and the fields of horses quietly grazing, the road to Madingley was quiet as, since the opening of the new A1307, more traffic takes The Avenue to leave Madingley. We were able to pootle along taking in the views across the fields and admire the lovely properties we passed on our way. Arriving in Madingley, we took a right turn past the Three Horseshoes and then a left, taking in the grandeur of the 16th century Madingley Hall as we passed it. This road, now one-way to motors, offers glorious views over to Cambridge and the American Cemetery. Turning left, Madingley Road, Cambridge is always busy with traffic, so riding alongside it is not as pleasant as I would like. However, we soon crossed over (carefully) and turned down J.J. Thompson Avenue on the University of Cambridge, West Cambridge site, and cycled to the Wes Hub. The Hub is closed at the weekends, but I had heard about a new outdoor public artwork called Third Nature. To quote the Contemporary Art Society "A living artwork, Third Nature, consists of 15 native and non-native mature trees planted in a grid pattern typically associated with plug-ins for the creation of natural elements such as trees, plants and rocks in virtual softwares." The reality is a rather lovely, newly landscaped area with squares of manicured lawn, each with a



centrally planted tree. Beneath the trees are dotted bright orange deckchairs creating a tempting spot for rest and contemplation. We had the place to ourselves and enjoyed our time there very much.

Back across Madingley Road is the new(ish) University town of Eddington. Having seen the development grow and mature, we have come to enjoy cycling through the streets on



wide cycleways. The town is always buzzing with activity and there are good quality shops, bars and restaurants to stop for rest and refreshment. We discovered a Barber, cafe/bar combo called Douce which served a fresh, zingy lager. We drank our beers in the surprisingly lush garden of the adjacent Turing Locke hotel.

Heading home we rode via Huntingdon Road. There is a cycle path alongside, but again not my preferred route. Just past Girton College on the same side as the college, there is a small footpath which leads to a footbridge over the A14. From here the route swings into a quiet road built for access to the farms. Running parallel with the A14, this in turn leads back to Oakington Road. Then onwards alongside the A1307 towards the splendid footbridge over the A14 to Bar Hill. The dried seed heads of the Cow Parsley and Thistle that lined the path were still putting on a wonderful autumnal show giving us an uplifting finale to our ride.



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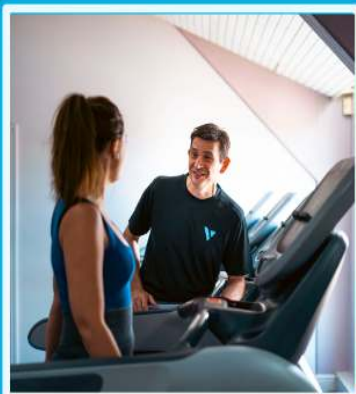
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Bar Hill wrapped up a successful season with the presentation night, honouring those on and off the pitch who have kept the club moving forward.

Some of the awards are based on statistical performance, including Batter of the Year, which went to Jim Neal, scoring 332 runs at an average of 47.29 per innings.

The Bowler of the Year award was won by Febin Jamal, who took 15 wickets at an average of 9.4 runs conceded per wicket taken.

At the other end of the scale, the Duckman award (not much explanation needed for that one!) went to Phil Orvis.

The other awards are voted for either by the committee or by the whole membership.

The committee awards were:

Outstanding Performance - won by Febin for taking 3 wickets for just 9 runs and scoring 76 not out with the bat in the same match against Comberton.

Most Improved - won by Paul Stimpson, 20 years after first winning the same award!

Voted for by the whole club, the Player of the Year award went to Jim Neal, while the Marie Styles Shield for Clubperson of the Year was won by our Chairman, Ash Curry.



A few 'fun' awards were also given out:

Champagne moment was shared by Lijin Jolly and Paul Stimpson, having put on a stand of more than 100 against Cambridge St Giles III. Paul also won the Panda Shandy moment for ending the partnership with a comedy run-out.



Treasurer Karen Curry, Scorer Jenni Stimpson and groundsman John Cowan also received tokens of thanks for all the time they had given to the club this year.

And so, having also put the pitch to bed for the winter (thanks to all those who helped), we go into the closed season to recharge the batteries for next summer.

Keep an eye out for a possible quiz night before next season, and for potential indoor nets in the new year.

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Waterbeach Community Market

Sun. 15th December 10am to 2pm

New members are always welcome! You can contribute financially, join our team of knitters, join our committee, provide transport for our volunteers, or display a small selection of our wares. See our website for more volunteering opportunities.

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Bar Hill Preschool CIO

Registered Charity No. 1209296

<http://www.barhillpreschool.co.uk>

November is an exciting month, at the Preschool, as we officially close the existing charity and re-open as a Charity Incorporated Organisation. It is something that the committee team have been working towards for a while. We have a slight change to our name and will now trade as Bar Hill Preschool CIO.

In October the children have been busy with Autumn activities including exploring the changing colours of the leaves and using these in our art work. We have had lots of fun collecting conkers, counting them, making patterns with them and using them in our literacy. Of course not forgetting using the conkers and leaves in our mud kitchen play.

We have been learning about 'our feelings' linking our feelings to the colours in the colour monster book.. We have also made some expressive robots and other models using our junk modelling resources.

We offer places to children the term after they are two years old. We accept 2,3,4 year old funding and also are part of the national savings childcare scheme. See our website www.barhillpreschool.co.uk for more details or call **01954 782892** for an application form.



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www.buttercupschildcareltd.co.uk

Bar Hill Day Nursery is based in Gladeside, Bar Hill. We are open 7.30am – 6pm, Monday to Friday, 50 weeks per year. We have spaces year-round or term-time for children aged 4 months to 4 years. Please contact the Nursery for more information or to arrange a visit. **Phone: 01954 488081 Email:**

info@buttercupschildcareltd.co.uk

Bar Hill Out of School Club is based in the building next to Bar Hill Primary School. We offer Before and After School care and Holiday Club for Primary aged children. We are open 7.30am – 8.45am, 3pm – 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am – 6pm during school holidays. For more information or to make a booking please contact the Out of School Club: **Phone 01954 200814 Email: oosc@buttercupschildcareltd.co.uk**



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We accept all Government funding for eligible parents and the Government Tax Free Childcare payments.

As we are busy during the day with the children, please text us your enquiry with details of your requirements and we will contact you as soon as possible with our up to date availability and hourly rates.

Jacky – 07718447998 – ages 6 months upwards. Term time only and all year round care offered. Wednesday term time only available.

Kirsten – 07906218070 – ages 6 months upwards. Term time only and all year round care offered. No spaces available.



We have been very lucky to have a very generous donation of soft play pieces from Fenstanton Playbarn to use at our

Childminding group and also at PlayPals, as you can see the children love playing on them! We have been extending our socialising in the community by walking up to Dry Drayton for their coffee morning, its a lovely friendly group with delicious cakes! we've also been visiting other local children's groups. At our group we used the



conkers we had collected to roll through paint to make beautiful patterns on squirrel pictures. We also cut out some autumn leaf shapes and painted them to make a start on our autumn collage. We will be adding crafts

to represent the Diwali festival of lights and fireworks exploding in the sky for Bonfire night and some poppies for Remembrance Day.

We have been encouraging self-care and becoming more independent with putting our coats and shoes on ourselves as we get the children



ready for starting school. We've also been talking about why it's important to clean our teeth and practising cleaning them.

We're looking head to Christmas crafts and the New Year.

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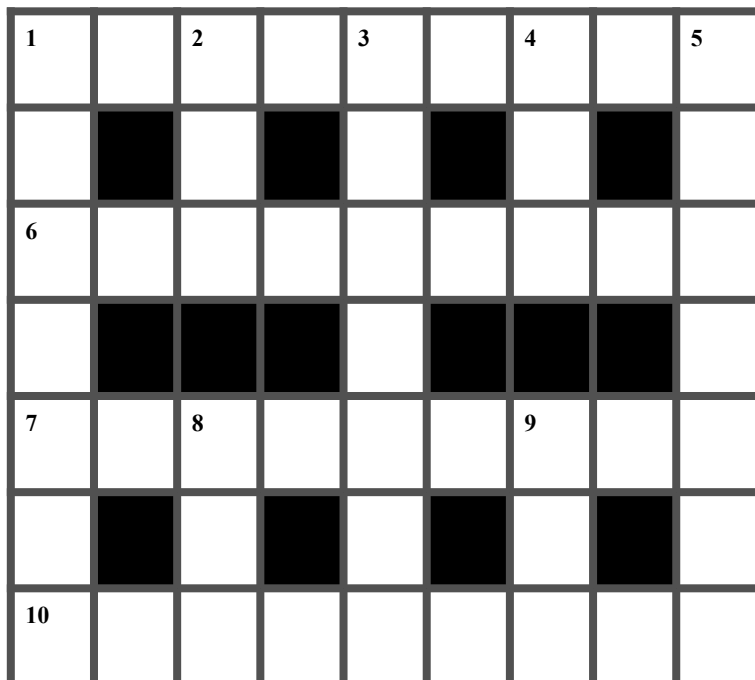
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**Bar Hill and Northstowe
District**

In August, a group of four leaders and fifteen girls from Cambridgeshire East Girlguiding went to India on an international trip. One of the leaders came from Swavesey and two girls attended Bar Hill Guides until recently and now go to Swavesey Rangers. Here is the story of their adventure of a lifetime!

We landed in Mumbai and had a whistle-stop tour of the city before being driven to Sangam in Pune. Sangam is a Girlguiding World Centre (there are five in total across the world - in the UK, Switzerland, Ghana, Mexico, and India) and we spent a week participating in a leadership development course. This included spending two days at one of the Community Partners, working with children at a local school, for example. There was still time to have chai every afternoon, as well as visiting markets and swimming in the Sangam pool. Once we said goodbye to Sangam, we flew to Delhi. After a morning of sightseeing, we travelled by coach to Agra to visit the Red Fort and saw the Taj Mahal at sunset. We were up early the next morning to see the Taj Mahal at sunrise, then travelling onto Jaipur. We spent two nights here, visiting the Amber Fort and Palace, as well as doing some shopping. Finally, we made our way back to Delhi and flew home, exhausted but filled with amazing memories (and plenty of garlic naan!). Personally, I've wanted to go to Sangam since I was about 7 years old, so this was truly a dream come true - plus Sangam was just as beautiful as I thought it would be! It was such a privilege to go to India, and to watch the girls gain confidence and skills over the trip. The food was also definitely a highlight!" *Lara*

"I enjoyed the community work with the children, we had fun making paper aeroplanes and having a "fly off". We did action songs as well as some games and they really enjoyed the leg game where they got to practise counting to five. During this time I learnt to count to 10 in Hindi.

It was interesting meeting the different groups at the centre and having the opportunity to do badge swaps. We were measured for saris in a colour of our choice and once they had been made, which was only a day or so, we then practised putting them on and once dressed we even danced in them on the Indian-themed evening.

The week of sightseeing was a lot of travelling but worth it to see the Taj Mahal." *Evie*

"Going to India was definitely one of the best experiences of my life! Seeing their way of life and interacting with people and indulging in so many new experiences was so incredible. Seeing India for the first time through the plane window is something I will never forget.

Staying in Sangam for the 1st week let us make some amazing friendships and meet incredible people such as the local Girlguides, school children and even people who invited us into their lives and homes. I was so sad when we had to leave.

The 2nd week was so packed, like waking up at 5am to see the Taj Mahal, as well as riding Tuk Tuk to airports and around beautiful and bustling markets. I am honestly so thankful for everyone's hard work and support to get us all to India and we had some incredible leaders guiding us through everything. I am so grateful to have been able to experience this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and experience, and these memories and people will remain with me forever." *Maja*

Does this sound like something your daughter would enjoy? Why not come along for a taster visit?

For more information email barhillguiding@icloud.com or go to the girlguiding website <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>



IAN SOLLUM MP NEWSLETTER



September was a strange and busy month for MPs, with a brief return to Westminster before another break for party conferences.

The return to Westminster was dominated by the government's decision to restrict the Winter Fuel Payment to only those in receipt of Pension Credit - a decision I voted against. While there is potentially a case for means testing the payment, the pension credit mechanism chosen by the government is poor and will result in hardship for those on and around the boundary.

A House of Lords committee looking at the decision concluded that "the policy seems to be being introduced at a pace that does not permit appropriate scrutiny" and that they were "unconvinced by the reasons given for the urgency". I have spent the past months listening to my constituents' many concerns regarding this, and I sincerely hope the government takes a better approach to their decision making around the upcoming budget.

Following the Lib Dem party conference I

was asked by Ed Davey to take the role of Lib Dem spokesperson on Universities and Skills - which I was delighted to do. There are significant challenges for higher education and the provision of skills and training both locally and across the UK.

My primary focus, however, will always be on our constituency. I have been meeting with various local leaders and services -- including the Police and Crime Commissioner, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Services, local transport providers, schools and parish councils -- to understand the issues they are facing, as well as press for the improvements constituents want to see from them. In Bar Hill in particular, I am following up on the recent public meeting about the Maple Surgery to see what improvements to the surgery can be made.

Finally, I'm thrilled to say that both my parliamentary and constituency offices are now up and running and ready to help you. Please don't hesitate to contact the addresses below with your comments and concerns.



If you would like to contact me, please email ian.sollom.mp@parliament.uk, visit my website www.iansollom.org, or alternatively you can follow me on X: @IanSollom, Facebook www.facebook.com/IanFSollom or Instagram www.instagram.com/iansollom

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